

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Public Health Modernization Funding Workgroup Minutes

July 31, 2023, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Workgroup members: Shellie Campbell, Meghan Chancey, Kirt Toombs, Betty Brown, Jackson Baures, Michael Baker, Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Sarah Mahnke, Trish Elliott, Kim La Croix, Florence Pourtal, Naomi Biggs, Jackie Leung, Dianna Hansen

OHA staff: Cara Biddlecom, Dolly England, Tamby Moore, Mina Craig, Danna Drum

Meeting objectives:

- Continue to discuss equitable strategies and benchmarks for funding to CBOs and review an equitable funding model
- Discuss additional recommendations for strengthening CBO application, grant, work plan and reporting processes, and continue to discuss ways to operationalize CBO local presence within counties.

Welcome, introductions & agenda review

Group agreements

Reviewed agreed upon group agreements

Strategies and benchmarks to ensure equitable funding strategies

- Recap of 7/18 meeting
 - Reviewed gaps in current funding for some counties and for disability-serving organizations. General agreement to expand the list of underserved counties
 - Reviewed the Public Health Modernization funding formula to allocate funds to LPHAs. This formula provides a base funding amount with most funds allocated based on the county's ranking on a set of SDOH indicators

- Discussed how a similar model could be used for CBO funding to determine that funds are being distributed equitably across the state. This approach would be both art & science. General agreement and interest in exploring this
- Reviewed methodology for regional and county per capita data tables
- Regional biennium breakdown for 2021-23 biennium
 - Shows how \$8.8 million in funding to CBOs was distributed across Oregon regions.
 - Regional/county number of CBOs funded
 - CBOs counted as “1” for every county in which they serve
 - Therefore, number of CBOs funded by county in a region does not equal the number of CBOs funded with in a region
- Recommendations
 - Expand the list of underserved counties for 2023 CBO RFGA
 - Ensure at least one (or two ?) CBO is funded to provide services in every county. Excluding statewide CBOs
 - Use the regional per capita table to estimate how new funding should be allocated across regions and ensure that funding decisions maintain or improve equitable funding across regions
 - Use the county per capita table to ensure every county receives a minimum per capita investment through funding to CBOs
- Comment/Suggestions for above recommendations
 - Suggestion to use increased funding in 2023-25 to support viable, established organizations. Outcomes need to be realistic and obtainable.
 - Cannot expand the number of CBOs funded unless there is additional funding. Clarified that with new legislative investments, there is additional funding for CBOs in 2023-25.
 - Clarified that the public health modernization funds received by CBOs is likely only a portion of the organization’s budget. OHA does not collect information on CBOs’ total budgets. Suggestion made that getting more complete budget information from CBOs is a way to verify that the organization is solvent and viable. Comment made that other funds a CBO receives are likely categorical and cannot be used to support public health modernization activities.
- Other options for consideration

- Establish a minimum biennial base funding level for CBOs so that CBOs can build staffing and infrastructure
 - Consistent approach with funding to LPHA
 - There was general support for this. OHA staff clarified that this would be a minimum amount and that in most cases CBOs would receive more than the minimum.
 - There was also interest in Dolly's suggestion to apply a cap to the amount of funding each CBO could apply for and receive.
- Recommendation to use LPHA PHM funding formula as a guide for CBO regional and county funding
- CBO RFGA draft application questions were presented and discussed
 - The new RFGA will be released later this year and is for CBOs not currently receiving public health modernization funding.
 - All CBOs will be filling out this new form once approved

Public Comment

- No public comment

Next Meeting agenda

- Review use of public health modernization funding formula as a guide for estimating CBO funding by region.
- Finalize recommendations for strategies and benchmarks to ensure equitable funding to CBOs.
- Continue to discuss CBO RFGA and related documents.

Next meeting August 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm